

[said] the receptors are receptors of 7-transmembrane type.

*h2* 3. (AMENDED) A method for producing physiologically active peptides comprising the step of:  
producing the missing domain, or a derivative thereof, identified by the method according to claim 1 [or 2].

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**REMARKS**

In the Communication from the Examiner mailed August 16, 2000, the Examiner objected to the disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.171 as being incomprehensible. The Examiner cited a portion of the paragraph (page 2, lines 5-12 of the English translation of the foreign application) as being not understood. The Examiner requested that a substitute specification in proper idiomatic English and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.52(a) and (b) be filed along with a statement that the substitute specification contains no new matter. In response, the Applicant has filed this Preliminary Amendment instead of a substitute specification to address the problems with the cited portion of the English translation. In this Preliminary Amendment, the Applicant has also amended claim 1 to make it clear and understandable. The Applicant believes that after the amendments to the English translation are entered then the remaining portion of the English translation will be comprehensible.

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